Youth and Relationships Dominate Lavender Festival

SEPTEMBER 19 AND SEPTEMBER 21

The Pikes Peak Lavender Film Festival, September 19–21 on The Colorado College campus, opens with a gala catered reception 6 p.m. Friday, September 19, in Armstrong Hall followed by a five-minute short and then the feature film "Steam," 8 p.m, Armstrong Hall, directed by Kyle Schickner. "Steam" tells the stories of a single mother (Ally Sheedy), a widow (Ruby Dee) who is rejuvenated by late life romance, and college-age lesbian (Kate Siegel) breaking free from her conservative family's restraints. (Schickner and Siegel will be here for our festival).

On Saturday, travel to Germany and Turkey in the thriller-mystery "The Edge of Heaven," 12:45 p.m., Cornerstone Arts Center, awarded best screenplay at Cannes this year. The day's remaining films will be shown in Armstrong Theatre. "The Sensei" (3:45) and "Tru Loved "(6:15) are both about being gay, and "Ciao" (8:30) is about connecting in a transient world (subtitles). Director Yen Tan will attend the screening and join the discussion.

Sunday's line-up offers "Call Me Troy" (12 p.m., Cornerstone Arts Center), about the Renaissance man Troy Perry. It will be followed by "Ready? Okay!," a film about a ten-year-old who wants to be a cheerleader, 2:30, Cornerstone Arts Center. "In World Unseen" (5 p.m., Armstrong Theatre) we go to 1950s South Africa. The festival closes with the English film "Ruby Blue," 7:45 p.m., Armstrong Theatre. Bob Hoskins and Josiane Blasko portray a couple who fall in love only to discover that Blasko had once been a man.

Choose from a variety of passes: Opening Night, $25; Half Pass, includes Opening Night any four films, $50; Four Film Pass, any four films Sat. & Sun, $35. And for $75 partake of the entire festival. Individual film tickets are available at Worner Center or at the door. Tickets are available at Worner Center, Underground, Spice of Life, and online at www.pplff.org. Call 719-38-MOVIE. —Alma Cremonesi

9th Annual Pikes Peak Lavender Film Festival Opening Night Reception, $25, $10 students, $15 w/CC ID. Weekend of the best in GLBT cinema opens with a catered reception 6 p.m. followed by a short film and the feature, "Steam," 8 p.m. Armstrong Hall, Colorado College, 389-6607. Through Sept. 21. Film schedule and description at www.pplff.org.